

MAY YET HAVE A FIGHT.

The Geisberger-Wegman Duel Has Not Occurred.

Greenpoint is laughing to-day over the account of a duel which was to have taken place last night at Woodside, L. I., but did not come off.

Geisberger, who lives at 111th street, Franklin street, Greenpoint, and Wegman, of this city, were at a meeting of the Young Reporter Association in Greenpoint, a week ago last Tuesday.

Geisberger criticized the work of Wegman, financial secretary, and not words. The men were about to come to blows when friends rushed between them.

In the heat of passion Wegman, while being held back, threatened to accuse Geisberger. His friends said that he had been thought of more of carrying down.

Geisberger, who is an architect, employed by the Long Island City, was very excited over the unprovoked attack. He was in a spirit of fun, but the attack was very serious.

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TWO YEARS FOR MARY MARTIN.

The Young Reporter Faints When She Gets Back to the Pen.

Other Grave Charges May Be Pressed Upon Her Release.

Mary M. Martin, the young newspaper woman who was convicted of swindling Bernard Bushoff, of 400 Court street, Brooklyn, out of \$50, was this morning sentenced by Judge Moore in the court of sessions to serve two years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Martin was dressed in a neat-fitting black dress and wore a black straw hat. Her face was covered with a thick black veil.

When she was called to the bar she was sworn by Clerk York, to whom she said she was twenty-four years old, was unmarried, and was born at Danville, Col. She had nothing to say in her defense and was not in possession of her mind.

"Two years in the Penitentiary," said Judge Moore.

Mary lifted her head as if about to speak, but the court officer hurried her back to the dock. She sat down in a corner and wept.

There is also another charge of swindling against her by a woman living in Williamsburg. It is said that she swindled her out of \$100.

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LAWYER BLISS HAS AN AXE.

Declares He Will Cut American District Wires.

Angry Because He Is Charged for Call-Box Service.

The threat of Lawyer George Bliss to cut down New Year's Day the wires of the American District Telegraph company where they run across the roof of his house on West Thirty-ninth street, was read with surprise at the company's office, 4 Bay street, this morning.

"I don't propose to submit to be squeezed to the tune of \$5 a year by the American District Telegraph company," Bliss declared.

"This is a piece of impertinence on the part of that company which every property holder upon whose property it trespasses ought to resent."

"The damage done to roofs by stringing and repairing its wires ought to be more than counterbalanced the company's outlay in putting in call-boxes."

"Unless I am restrained by an injunction," continued Mr. Bliss, "I shall certainly apply the axe to the wires of the company."

"The reason that \$5 a year will be charged for boxes is that many of them—and among this number is Mr. Bliss's—don't pay for putting in. It is not in every section of the city, therefore, that this charge will be made."

"Besides, as we at one time charged \$1 a month for every box and afterwards, experimentally, put them in gratis, I think we ought, now that the experiment has proved the impracticability, to be allowed to return to the old method of charging for the boxes wherever and as much as we choose."

"I do not know of any place where I have a box, and as for restricting Mr. Bliss by an injunction from removing his wires, I am not prepared to say."

"However, I scarcely think any private individual would have the right to cut down the wires of a public utility company, and I am sure that the company would not permit it."

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TUNNEL TRANSIT COMMISSION WILL ADAPT SOME OTHER PLAN.

Belief That Quicker Transit Will Now Be Sought by the "L."

It looks as if the Rapid Transit Commission had abandoned plans, for the present, of carrying out their underground railroad plan, and that they would now turn their attention to devising some elevated railway system to supplement that now in operation.

President Steiway said as much last night when, after rejecting the bids of W. Nowland Amory, for the underground franchise, he stated, in behalf of the board, that the commission had offered the best, the most comprehensive, and the cheapest system of rapid transit that could be devised, and the effort had failed.

A meeting of the commission was held last evening, at which the failure of the underground plan was discussed, and this afternoon, it is believed, the commission will meet again and in all probability will take steps to put the elevated scheme in operation.

Commissioner Bliss declined this morning to state exactly what matters would come before the commission, but intimated that no time would be lost in getting to work on the elevated plan.

When asked why the bid of Mr. Amory had been rejected after such brief consideration he said:

"I can say no more than was expressed in the resolution of the board. It was unanimously decided that it would not be for the benefit of the city to accept the bid of Mr. Amory, and I do not know whom Mr. Amory represented and did not know what he was doing."

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TALK OF THE RUFF.

Reported that the Elkwood

Be Revived.

Sam Doggett Fined for Careless Riding—General Horse Gossip.

It is reported that the Elkwood Park enterprise is to be revived. It will be remembered that a mile track was laid out near Long Branch several years ago, and preparations were begun with a view to holding race meetings on alternate days with Monmouth Park. The scheme was said to have been taken by Phil Dine, the gambler, who has large interests in Long Branch and other seaside resorts.

Elkwood Park is situated between the tracks of the Jersey Central and Jersey Southern roads and is only a few miles distant from Monmouth Park. The scheme did not go through at that time, but now it is to be revived, and, according to report, work has already commenced. It is said that a seven-furlong trotting track and a track for coursing will also be laid out. There are already 200 dogs on the grounds and kennels for 500 will be erected, as well as the necessary stables for horses.

It is the intention of the promoters to hold race meetings on the off days of the Monmouth Park Association. This will conflict with Brighton Beach, and it is doubtful whether such a clash will result in profit to the new venture.

Martin rode a poor race on Experience yesterday. He laid out of the race, expecting, no doubt, that Sir Walter Raleigh would come back to his field. The latter, however, kept up a steady gallop, when Martin did nothing more than to follow him. He caught the leader, who won by a scant half length. Experience was heavily plied in the pool room throughout the country.

Sam Doggett was fined \$25 at New Orleans yesterday for careless riding on Belle Duncan in the fifth race. He failed to ride out for third place, but caught the winner, and the writer will have to select him as the winner. Ma Belle and Kirover should fight it out for the place, with the chances in favor of the former.

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SKATES GIVE WAY TO CROQUET.

Favorite Winter Sport at Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

Persons of All Ages Play, Nothing Daunted by the Weather.

Croquet as a winter outdoor sport has a large number of devotees in Brooklyn. They are not governed by conditions of season or of weather, and when the cold carriages, merry-go-rounds and swan-boats are laid off for the season the proper players receive new impetus from the invigorating qualities of the air. Indeed, neither darkness, cold, rain, mud, snow nor hail has any terror for some of the members of the Brooklyn Croquet Association.

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NEW YORK'S FIRST PRINTER.

200th Anniversary of His Paper to Be Celebrated at a Banquet.

Arrangements have been begun by the New York Typographical union, at DuSable street, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first printing in New York.

New York's first printer was William Bradford, an Englishman. He printed the first newspaper in this city, called the *Journal*, in 1725.

It was in existence from November, 1725 to some time in 1735. The paper was printed by hand, and the type was set by hand.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sea breeze, 2 to 3 miles. 4.42 Moon set, 4.07. High water, 10.11. Low water, 11.32.

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WANTS GEN. KING REMOVED.

How Is Displeased with His Action as Referee in the "L." Suits.

Lawyer Stephen M. King, who represents the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad, in the suits for damages that have been before Referee Horatio C. King, says he will apply to the Supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus to remove him from the position.

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HERE'S YOUR COAT, MR. ROOT.

Sneak Thief Nugent Thinks He Frank Nugent, a sneak thief, was arraigned in the Tombs Police Court this morning on a charge of burglary and attempted grand larceny.

Nugent is an old-timer, and well known to Inspector McLaughlin and his men. Detective Madden, of the Old Slip station, saw Nugent Wednesday at the corner of Liberty and Nassau streets, and recognizing him as a thief, followed him to the Scherhorn Building at 4 Wall street.

Nugent was taken to the fourth floor with the detectives at his heels. He tried two or three times and finally came to the office of William A. Madden, at room 107. A card appeared upon the door announcing that William A. Madden was in the building. Nugent at once pulled a pocket watch out of his pocket and entered. The detective followed him.

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